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SUBJ: AMIR OF QATAR'S INTERVIEW WITH IRANIAN TV

1. ON EVENING JUNE 17, QATAR TV CARRIED 15 MINUTE FILMED INTERVIEW WITH AMIR, SHAYKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI, CONDUCTED BY IRANIAN TV REP. QATARI DAILY "AL ARAB" PUBLISHED TEXT OF INTERVIEW ON JUNE 18. IN RESPONDING TO INTERVIEWER'S QUESTIONS, AMIR REITERATED HIS ALREADY PUBLICLY AIRED VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AT HOME, GULF SECURITY AND COOPERATION, ETC. RE GULF AFFAIRS, HE EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS APPROVAL OF MOVEMENT TOWARD COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS, INCLUDING SECURITY, BUT INSISTED THAT ANY MEETINGS ON THESE SUBJECTS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PREPARED. AMIR PRAISED SHAH'S RAPPROCHEMENT WITH ARAB STATES AND SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IRAN/IRAQ AGREEMENT. HE PLACED RELATIONS WITH IRAN WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF CLOSER TIES AND COOPERATION AMONG ALL MUSLIM STATES.

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2. COMMENT: CONTENTS OF INTERVIEW LESS NOTABLE THAN FACT THAT

IT TOOK PLACE. THIS IS FIRST TIME THAT AMIR HAS APPEARED ON TELEVISION IN INTERVIEW FORMAT. HE HAS ADDRESSED NATION ON TV ON TWO PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, FIRST AT TIME OF QATAR'S INDEPENDENCE IN SEPTEMBER 1971, AND SECOND WHEN HE SEIZED POWER IN FEBRUARY 1972. HIS USUAL AND FREQUENT TV APPEARANCES ARE SILENT CLIPS OF RECEIVING VISITORS, INAUGURATING PROJECTS, ETC. HIS DEBUT IN INTERVIEW FORMAT INDICATES RECOGNITION THAT MORE OPENNESS REQUIRED IN DISCUSSING PROBLEMS OF THE DAY, BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN.

3. COMMENT CONTINUED: WE NOTED WITH INTEREST THAT AMIR USED TERM "ARAB" GULF IN RESPONDING TO ONE OF INTERVIEWER'S QUESTIONS, AND WOULD APPRECIATE TEHRAN'S INFORMING US WHETHER THIS MAKES IT, IF INTERVIEW SCREENED IN IRAN. INTERVIEWER INTRODUCED AMIR IN FARSI AND CONDUCTED INTERVIEW IN ARABIC. IT ALSO OF SIGNIFICANCE THAT AMIR CHOSE TO GRANT IRANIAN TV HIS FIRST TELEVISED INTERVIEW.  
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